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BELGIUM:

THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN COUNTERATTACKING STRONGLY IN THE ARDENNES IN WHAT THEY CALL A "DEFENSIVE BATTLE." DESPITE THE SAVAGE RESISTANCE OF THE GERMANS, AMERICAN FIRST ARMY MEN ON THE NORTHERN FLANK OF THE SALIENT HAVE GAINED ANOTHER 1000 YARDS. THE MAIN SUPPLY ROAD RUNNING FROM HOUTFALIZE TO ST VITH HAS BEEN CUT AND AMERICAN ARMOR IS FIRMLY ASTIDE OF THIS ROAD. THE CUTTING OF THIS MAIN ARTERY IN THE ARDENNES SALIENT WAS HELPED NO END BY INFANTRYMEN OF THE 83RD INFANTRY DIVISION. THE 83RD INFANTRYMEN HAD BEEN ENGAGED IN VERY HARD FIGHTING DAY AND NIGHT FOR FIVE DAYS WHEN THEY WERE CALLED UPON TO CLEAR TWO VILLAGES HELD BY GERMAN SS TROOPS. IN BITTER COLD AND WITH THE OIL ON THEIR WEAPONS FROZEN THE 83RD INFANTRYMEN DROVE INTO THE VILLAGES AND WIPED THE SS TROOPS OUT. THIS ENABLED THE ARMOR, THAT HAD BEEN WAITING, TO ADVANCE AND CUT THE IMPORTANT SUPPLY ROAD.

AT THE TIP OF THE SALIENT BRITISH FORCES HAVE DRIVEN THE GERMANS BACK STILL FURTHER. BOTH THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN FORCES ARE INCREASING THEIR PRESSURE ALL AROUND THE SALIENT. AMERICAN FORCES DRIVING SOUTHWARD BETWEEN MALMEDY AND STAVELLOT HAVE CONTINUED TO GAIN. ONE AMERICAN FORCE IS FIGHTING IN A TOWN 7 MILES FROM THE IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION AND SUPPLY CENTER OF ST VITH. ANOTHER AMERICAN COLUMN WAS LAST REPORTED SIX MILES FROM THIS IMPORTANT TOWN AT THE BASE OF RUNDSTEDT'S SALIENT. THE GERMAN SALIENT HAS NOW BEEN HALVED IN SIZE. ALLIED TACTICAL PLANS FLEW MORE THAN 2000 SORTIES YESTERDAY ATTACKING GERMANS PULLING OUT OF THE SALIENT AND ALSO HITTING TARGETS IN WESTERN GERMANY. ALLIED AIRMEN DESTROYED 243 GERMAN PLANES YESTERDAY OVER THE SALIENT AND IN BATTLES OVER GERMANY.

AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE CONTINUED TO KEEP UP THEIR STRONG PRESSURE IN NORTHERN ALSACE. THERE HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY HEAVY FIGHTING GOING ON IN THE TOWNS OF HATTEN AND RITTERSHAVEN.

THE GREAT AERIAL OFFENSIVE AGAINST GERMANY WENT ON TODAY AND ALL LAST NIGHT. AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS WITH FIGHTER ESCORT WERE REPORTED OVER GERMANY IN GREAT STRENGTH TODAY. LAST NIGHT A TREMENDOUS FLEET OF MORE THAN 1100 RAF HEAVY BOMBERS PLASTERED A NUMBER OF TARGETS. THE BIG NIGHT BOMBERS STAGED A "DOUBLE ATTACK" ON THE GREAT OIL PLANT AT LEUNA. BERLIN WAS ALSO BOMBED TWICE. A RAIL YARD SOUTHWEST OF DUSSELDORF ALSO CAME IN FOR A HEAVY POUNDING. IN DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY OVER 900 YANK HEAVIES UNLOADED THEIR BOMBS ON OIL PLANTS AND SUPPLY DEPOTS IN WESTERN GERMANY. THE LUFTWAFFE ROSE IN CONSIDERABLE STRENGTH TO CHALLENGE THE AMERICAN BOMBERS AND THEIR ESCORT OF 850 FIGHTERS. IN A FIERCE AERIAL FIGHT THE AMERICAN PLANES SHOT DOWN 180 GERMAN FIGHTERS. AMERICAN LOSSES WERE 19 BOMBERS AND 12 FIGHTERS.

RUSSIA:

THE GERMAN RADIO TODAY WAS SPEAKING OF "THE GREAT WINTER BATTLE BETWEEN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE BALTIC." THE NAZIS SAY THAT THE RED ARMY HAS LAUNCHED TWO NEW OFFENSIVES BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH OF WARSAW. MOSCOW RADIO HAS NOT CONFIRMED THE GERMAN REPORT THAT BITTER FIGHTING IS GOING ON ALL ALONG THE WHOLE EASTERN FRONT. THE GERMANS ADMIT THAT THEY DO NOT KNOW WHERE TO MASS THEIR RESERVES BECAUSE THEY DO NOT KNOW WHERE THE MAIN RUSSIAN BLOW WILL FALL.

MARSHALL KONEV'S FIRST UKRAINIAN ARMY HAS BATTERED ITS WAY FORWARD ANOTHER 12 MILES CLOSER TO GERMAN SILESIA. KONEV'S MEN WERE LAST REPORTED WITHIN 30 MILES OF THE BIG POLISH CITY OF CRACOW AND RED ARTILLERY IS SHELLING THE CITY OF KIELCE. THE MAIN ROAD AND RAIL LINE BETWEEN CRACOW AND KIELCE HAS BEEN CUT AND THE REDS HAVE STORMED ANOTHER 200 PLACES. FIERCE GERMAN COUNTERATTACKS HAVE NOT SLOWED DOWN THE RAMPAGING REDS. IN EASTERN CZECHOSLOVAKIA THE SOVIETS HAVE TAKEN THE BIG ROAD AND RAIL CENTER OF LUCENEC AND 40 OTHER PLACES. IN BUDAPEST THE RUSSIANS HAVE CAPTURED MORE OF THE CITY.

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PACIFIC:

AMERICAN FORCES ON LUZON ISLAND HAVE CROSSED THE AGNO RIVER 22 MILES INLAND FROM THE BEACHES AND THEY HAVE WIDENED THEIR BEACHHEAD TO 45 MILES.

THE TOKIO RADIO REPORTED TODAY THAT HUNDREDS OF AMERICAN CARRIER PLANES WERE ATTACKING THE BIG ISLAND OF FORMOSA. AMERICAN SUPER FORTS FROM CHINA HAD BOMBED FORMOSA IN DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY AND ANOTHER FORCE OF SUPER FORTS FROM THE ISLAND OF SAIPAN HAD BOMBED THE NAGOYA AREA OF JAPAN.

IN CENTRAL BURMA, BRITISH 14TH ARMY TROOPS WERE LAST REPORTED 20 MILES BELOW SHWEDO AND 30 MILES FROM THE BIG CITY OF MANDALAY.

LOST:

WHITE GOLD HAMILTON POCKET WATCH WITH INITIALS "S.G.H." ON BACK.

WATCH LOST IN VICINITY OF DIVISION C. P.

FINDER PLEASE RETURN TO:  
LT. COL. HUGHES, DIV. G-4 OFFICE

LOST:

STERLING SILVER IDENTIFICATION BRACELET IN VICINITY OF DIVISION C.P.

FINDER PLEASE RETURN TO LT. ROYCE  
C. McDONALD, MESSAGE CENTER OFFICER.